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Recent News From East Timor

At the beginning of this month there has been much mobilisation of troops, tanks, and planes.

On the 11th and 12th, disembarkment of troops at the military airport in Baucau. On the 13th, Colonel Soenarto arrived in Dili, as the new military commandant for the operations. On the same day, a caravan of soldiers loaded in 12 military trucks arrived in Dili and Baucau. On the 14th, Timorese students in Dili made a manifestation at the house of the Governor and Dan Rem (Supreme Military Chief in Dili). On the 15th, manifestations at the Golkar office in Dili, and some school buildings having broken glass in all the windows and doors. The manifestations and anger were taken as signs of protest against the Javanese teachers who made discriminations in the the schools by their management; in some schools they accept the children of the military and transmigrators, but reject the Timorese, in others they do not want the same to accept new pupils, because the state does not give them the identical financial facilities as in other parts of Indonesia. In others some directors sell Matriculation questionnaires to Javanese students, but when the time arrives for the Timorese, they say, "formulir pendaftaran" (the formula is registration), there it ends. Such facts have provoked then an anger by the Maubere children, and they decided to make a protest march. Up to date the problem has still not been resolved.

On the 15th, at about 10.30pm a mysterious fire occurred at the Dili market, the most active centre in East Timor, reducing it to ashes. All the market stalls of the Javanese traders, including that of one Timorese were destroyed by the fire. It was seen as a calamity for the Makassar-Celebes traders, they were ruined by the fire, but afterwards they were helped, except for the lone Timorese, who did not have the good fortune to have his things among the notable Indonesian stalls. The middle of the market constructed before 75 was also burnt.

The site is now blockaded by the military, politicians, hansip, and intel agents. No one can approach or take photographs. Any Timorese who approach become objects of persecution and torture by the military and secret agents. It is interesting that the event occurred on the day before the celebration of the Integration made by the Javanese and their puppets. This time the celebration of Integration is more dismal, there are no games, no dances, no displays, etc, etc. like before. They had a simple flag raising. Not one periodical spoke of or reported the events arising in Dili since the misfortune on the night of the 15th and likewise the notably ridiculous celebration of Integration. Last year, on the eve of the celebration, Mr Carrascalhao gave interviews about development and progress to various Periodicals including the famous "Sinar Harapan, which were later prohibited by the government.

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